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In re Application of:

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For: BRAKE BACKING PLATE AND

METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR

MAKING SAME

NOTIFICATION OF

IDENTIFICATION OF PRIOR ART IN LATE FILED PROTEST

UNDER 37 CFR 1.129(a)

The protest filed July 30, 2004 under 37 CFR 1.291 was filed after the January 29, 2004 publication date of the application.

Because the protest was filed after publication of the application, it is untimely and it is not being entered in the application file. The original protest is being discarded in accordance with MPEP 1901.06, Protest Filed After Allowance or Publication of the Application.

If appropriate, applicant may wish to consider submitting prior art from the protest pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97 and 37 CFr 1.56 during the prosecution of the application.

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